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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 3 Percent in September

HARRISBURG, PA, Oct 26, 2010 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during September 2010 totaled 109.4 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 113.2 million pounds produced in September 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 101.5 million pounds live weight, was up 2 percent from September 2009. Total head slaughtered was 83,600, up 3 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,228 pounds, down 18 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.3 million pounds live weight, down 11 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,100 head was down 11 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound to 428 pounds.

Pork production was 64.4 million pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 247,800, down 8 percent from September 2009. Average live weight increased 1 pound from last year to 260 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during September 2010 was 321,000 pounds live weight, down 16 percent from September 2009. The number slaughtered was 3,200, down 18 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 1 pound to 99 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in September 2010 totaled 4.16 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in September 2009. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.25 billion pounds, was up 1 percent. Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below September a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.88 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 12 percent from September 2009.

January-September 2010 red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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